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Applicant: Steven M. Strandberg et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and before payment of the issue fee in the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page **6** of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page **7** of this amendment.